

of Senator Guinn of Cherokee, Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 14, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill authorizing guardians to receive lands in payment of debts due their wards, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report that the same is already sufficiently provided for by law.

Senator Guinn of Cherokee, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts be requested to furnish the Senate the following information from his office, viz :

1st. The amount in aggregate, of the different kinds of taxable property in the State as shown by the tax rolls of 1865, and the rolls of 1866, and in case any county or counties shall not have made returns for either of those years, then the estimated value of the taxable property in such county shall be given for the respective year.

2nd. The estimated amount of land and other taxable property in the State unrendered.

3rd. The estimated loss, as near as may be, from the rolls, and other archives of his office, of revenue heretofore derived from taxation on slaves.

4th. The estimated expenses of the civil government of the State for year.

Laid over one day for consideration.

Upon motion of Senator Guinn of Cherokee, Senator Cooley was added to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator Randolph, Senator Saufley was added to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Saufley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to employ two white boys to serve as paper folders and pages for the Senate. Adopted.

Senator Record offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act

with a like committee on the part of the House, to inquire into the subject of the election of United States Senators, as the same may be affected by what purports to be an act of the late Congress—to ascertain whether or not such is the law, and to recommend such action to the two Houses as in their judgment, upon the facts, may be proper or necessary. Adopted.

The President announced Senators Record, Cooley and Shelley, the committee under the preceding resolution.

A message was received from the House, announcing to the Senate, that the House had concurred in the Senate's resolution to examine and report upon the condition of the Lunatic Asylum, and had appointed Messrs. Smith of Harris, McKee and Merriman, a committee on the part of the House. That the House concurred in the resolution of the Senate, to appoint a committee to inquire into the subject of electing United States Senators, and had appointed Messrs. Merriman, Munson and Smith of Harris committee on part of the House. That the House had appointed Messrs. Alford, Merriman and Dunn, a committee on part of the House to proceed in person to the Texas State Penitentiary, and examine the condition, books &c., of that institution, and report upon the same, and ask a like committee on part of Senate. Also, transmitting the following communication, with accompanying documents, from His Excellency, Gov. J. W. Throckmorton, which was taken from the President's stand, read, and on motion of Senator Shelley, 500 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
AUSTIN, August 14, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of dispatches received yesterday from the State Department of the General Government; also a communication from the Hon. James H. Bell, Secretary of State of the Provisional Government. The papers referred to in the communication of Judge Bell, will be laid before your honorable body with the message that I shall communicate to you in a few days. I congratulate you, gentlemen, that the people of Texas have once more a regular government of their own choosing. I have to request that you will transmit this and the accompanying communication from Judge Bell to the honor-Senate, for the information of that body.

J. W. THROCKMORTON,
Governor of Texas.

[COPY.] WASHINGTON, D. C., August 11th, 1866.

To His Excellency Governor Throckmorton :

SIR : By direction of the President I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of the communication which has been addressed to his Excellency, Andrew J. Hamilton, late Provisional Governor of Texas, whereby he has been relieved of the trust heretofore reposed in him, and directed to deliver into your Excellency's possession, the papers and property relating to that trust. I have the honor to tender you the co-operation of the Government of the United States, whenever it may be found necessary, in effecting the permanent prosperity and welfare of the State over which you have been called to preside.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect, your most obedient servant,

HENRY STANSBURY,
Acting Secretary of State.

STATE DEPARTMENT, }
AUSTIN, Texas, Aug., 13, 1866—10 o'clock, a. m. }

To His Excellency J. W. Throckmorton :

DEAR SIR : I have the honor to inform you that I have just received from the office of the Secretary of State of the United States, the following dispatch :

STATE DEPARTMENT, }
WASHINGTON, August 11, 1866. }

To His Excellency, Andrew J. Hamilton, Provisional Governor State of Texas :

SIR : The time has come, when in the judgment of the President of the United States, the care and conduct of the affairs of the State of Texas may be remitted to the constitutional authorities chosen by the people thereof, without danger to the peace and safety of the United States. By direction of the President, therefore, you are relieved from the trust which was reposed in you as Provisional Governor of the State of Texas.

Whenever the Governor elect shall have accepted and become qualified to discharge the duties of the Executive Office, you will transfer the papers and property of the State, now in your custody, to his Excellency, the Governor elect. You will please give me a reply specifying the day on which this communication is received.

I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient servant,

HENRY STANSBURY,
Acting Secretary of State.

In obedience to the wishes of the President, expressed in the above dispatch, it gives me pleasure, in behalf of the Provisional Governor, to greet you as the Governor of the State, and to invite you to take possession of the Executive Office. The archives and property of the State are hereby surrendered to your control.

I do not deem it to be my duty to make any communication to the Legislature now in session, respecting the affairs of the State, believing that, under the circumstances of the case, the information necessary to be laid before that honorable body, will come more appropriately from yourself, accompanied by such suggestions as you may think proper to make.

I have the honor now to lay before your Excellency, the report of the Acting Comptroller of Public Accounts, the report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, and the reports of the Superintendents of the Lunatic Asylum and of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, and the report of the Attorney General of the State.

I have the honor also to transmit to you, herewith, a communication from the office of the Secretary of State of the United States, containing a copy of a resolution of Congress, proposing to the Legislatures of the several States, a fourteenth Article to the Constitution of the United States. I have thought proper to leave it to your Excellency to acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

I have also the honor to submit to your consideration, a communication from Maj. General Wright, the Commander of the Department of Texas, in relation to the appointment of some suitable person to carry into effect the treaty for the extradition of criminals between the United States and the Republic of Mexico.

I have also the honor to inform your Excellency that Morgan C. Hamilton, Esq., was commissioned by the Provisional Governor to proceed to England for the purpose of endeavoring to recover certain bonds and coupons of the United States 5 per cent. Texas indemnity stock, in the possession of parties in that Kingdom. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Hamilton did not succeed in his mission. Mr. Hamilton's correspondence and all the papers connected with this business are herewith transmitted to your Excellency.

It will give me great pleasure, sir, to communicate to you any information in my possession that you may deem of interest to the State.

I shall immediately issue a notice to the officers of the Provisional Government to give place to those elected by the people.

I have to request that your excellency will recommend to the honorable Legislature the appointment of a suitable committee to inquire into the condition of the Treasury.

With the greatest respect, Sir, for your person and office, and with the sincerest wishes for your continued health,

I have the honor to be your very obedient servant,

JAMES H. BELL.

Secretary of State of the State of Texas, under the Provisional Government.

The resolution from the House relative to the Penitentiary was taken up, read, and referred to the Committee on Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. McDade the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 15, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The following report from select committee to whom was referred a bill to incorporate "Hart's Creek Turnpike Company" was read:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the "Hart's Creek Turnpike Company," in Titus county, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report that with the accompanying amendment, they unanimously approve said bill and recommend its passage.

W. P. SAUFLEY, Chairman.

Amendment.—Strike out "Chief Justice" wherever it occurs in said bill and insert "County Judge."

Passed to the orders of the day for August 16th.

Senator Cook offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the propriety of repealing or amending in whole or in part an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the Public Printing," approved November 22d, 1859, and report by bill or otherwise as early as practicable.

Read and adopted.